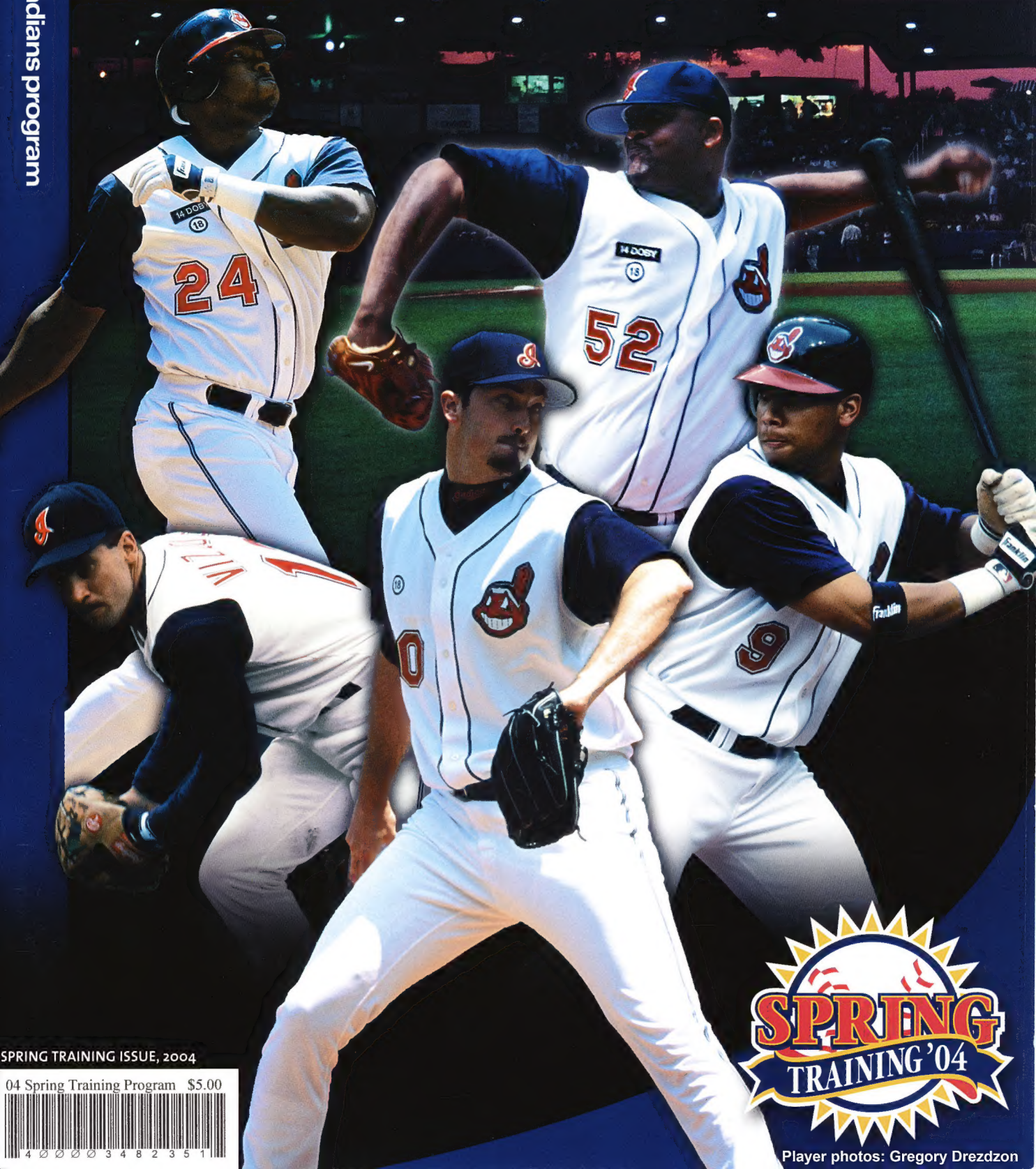


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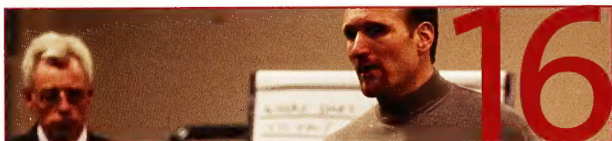
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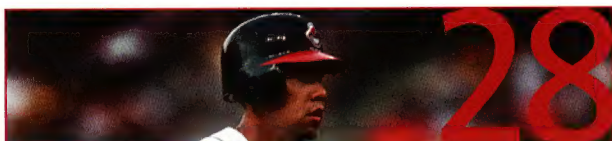


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Jody Gerut went from Spring Training "surprise" to being named *The Sporting News* Rookie of the Year. The Tribe fans who watched him play in Winter Haven in 2003 witnessed a career being born.



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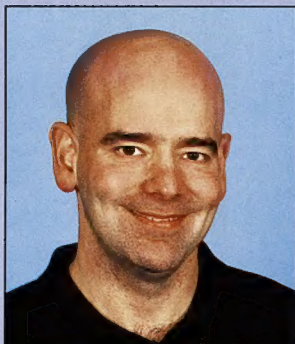
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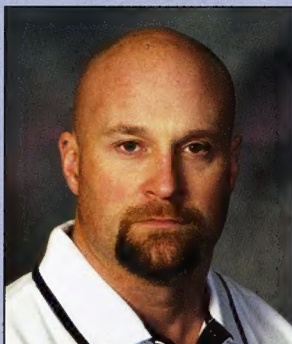
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Begins his seventh season as the Tribe's Director of Rehabilitation after being named to the post in January of 1998. Jim oversees and coordinates the rehabilitation of all injured Indians uniform personnel at both the Major League and Minor League level.



JIM MALONE

Begins his first season as Minor League Strength & Conditioning Coordinator. Malone has been involved in professional baseball for each of the last seven seasons since 1997.



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AS WE PREPARE FOR THE 2004 CAMPAIGN, I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT TO OUR FANS HOW PROUD I AM OF THE TEAM THAT TOOK THE FIELD DAY IN AND DAY OUT IN 2003. LAST SEASON WE USED A TOTAL OF 25 ROOKIES AND AN AMERICAN-LEAGUE HIGH 54 PLAYERS AND WE FOUND OUT A LOT ABOUT OURSELVES—BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY AS A TEAM.

A LOOK AHEAD TO 2004



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Although the win total was not what we wanted it to be, you cannot take away the fact that most of our players now have a year of Major League experience under their belts. Our team played hard every game in 2003 and from the end of April until the beginning of September we were one game under .500 over a four-month period. Those two reasons, among others, have me excited as we approach Spring Training and the start of the 2004 regular season.

I believe 2003 was a huge building block for our team as we determine and develop the core group of players that will lead us into the next era of championship baseball at Jacobs Field. You may have been disappointed when you didn't read about "major" signings by the Indians this winter. However, in my opinion, **MARK SHAPIRO** and his staff bolstered the ballclub by solidifying an already deep bullpen and added to our offensive capability by adding a second baseman who had 41 extra base hits in 2003 and hit .345 off left-handed pitching. As we bring back virtually the entire pitching staff that compiled the 5th lowest ERA in the American League last year, our offensive run production will be vital to the success of this ballclub in 2004. Our team batting average improved throughout the season and I expect to see our hitters continue that trend this year.

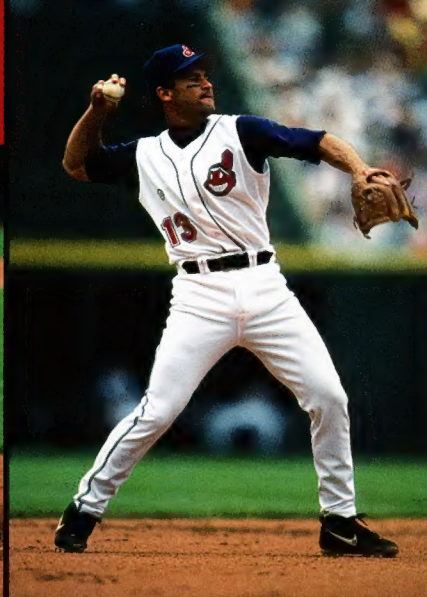
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The strength of our team is going to be the pitching staff. It was a pleasure to watch our young starting pitchers last year, as they kept us in games and gave us a chance to win night after night. We will again rely on this exciting group of pitchers, who last year saw the team ERA go from 4.91 in 2002 (10th best in AL) to 4.21 (5th lowest in AL) in 2003. This year our starting rotation will again be led by **LHP C.C. SABATHIA**, who was our Opening Day starter in Baltimore last March and established himself as a dominant starter in the league, and was 13-9 with a 3.60 ERA in 30 starts last year. C.C. will not turn 24 until July and he already has 96 starts, 43 wins, and one All-Star Game appearance in the big leagues on his resume.

RHP JASON DAVIS and **LHP CLIFF LEE** will follow C.C. in the rotation. JD is also 23 years old and spent the entire season in the big leagues last year, winning 8 games in 27 starts and tossed a career-best 165.1 innings. Jason has overpowering stuff and has a very durable frame—your prototypical hard-throwing right-handed pitcher. Cliff, 25, battled his way through some injuries in 2003 and impressed the staff over his 9 starts in the big leagues (3-3, 3.61 ERA), limiting Major League hitters to just a .220 average against. Several pitchers will be vying for the final two spots in the rotation—namely

RHP JAKE WESTBROOK, **LHP JASON STANFORD**, **RHP CHAD DURBIN**, **RHP JASON BERE**, and **RHP JEFF D'AMICO**. Westbrook (2.01 ERA, 4 starts) and Stanford (3.68 ERA, 5 starts) impressed in September. Durbin and Bere are healthy coming into camp both fully recovered from arm surgeries. D'Amico is an accomplished big-league starter who made 29 starts last year for Pittsburgh and had a first half ERA of 3.97 ERA.

BOB WICKMAN and **DAVID RISKE** will anchor the back-end of the bullpen. Wickman is fully recovered from right elbow surgery in December of 2002 and will again serve in the closer's role, a role in which Riske found success last August and September on his way to a season ERA of 2.29. Mark Shapiro, Chris Antonetti, and Neal Huntington did an outstanding job this off-season in bolstering a bullpen that finished with the 4th lowest relief ERA (3.84) in the American League in 2003. The additions of **RHP JOSE JIMENEZ**, **LHP SCOTT STEWART**, and **RHP BOBBY HOWRY** give us three pitchers who have regularly closed games in their careers. Jimenez compiled 61 saves over his last two seasons in Colorado, and in Stewart we have a commanding left-handed presence that we've lacked over the last few seasons. It would be great to see Howry, who is coming off right elbow surgery, resume the form he displayed with the Chicago White Sox from 1998-2001 where he saved 28 games for the Sox in 1999.



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RHP JACK CRESSEND and **RHP RAFAEL BETANCOURT**, who impressed in the second half of last season, have the upper hand to start the season in a regular bullpen role. We also have a lot of depth in this area after inviting **RHP GIOVANNI CARRARA**, **RHP LUTHER HACKMAN**, **RHP DAVE LEE**, **RHP MATT MILLER**, **LHP MIKE PORZIO**, **LHP CARL SADLER**, and **LHP TIM YOUNG** to Major League camp. **LHP CLIFF BARTOSH**, **RHP KAZUHITO TADANO**, and **RHP KYLE DENNEY** have also been invited to big league camp.

Offensively we're looking to build on 2003's second-half performance, a period that saw our offense average almost 4.5 runs per game despite half of our Opening Day lineup being shelved with season ending injuries. **OMAR VIZQUEL** returns for his 11th season as shortstop for the Indians. I look for Omar to provide leadership to our emerging group of position players as he is fully recovered from a pair of 2003 knee surgeries. Omar's running mate at second base will be **RONNIE BELLIARD**, who drove in 50 runs for Colorado despite missing three weeks with an ankle sprain and hit .316 with men in scoring position. **CASEY BLAKE** will again man third base. Casey, who led the team with 143 hits, was a rock-solid performer last year who played an above average third base defensively and drove in 67 runs, which was 2nd on the club. **BEN BROUSSARD** comes to camp as the starting first baseman while **TRAVIS HAFNER** will see most of his playing time at designated hitter. People overlook the fact that Broussard and Hafner had a combined 30HR and 95 RBI last year.

Our infield depth is also improved with the addition of **LOU MERLONI** and the return of **JOHN McDONALD**. Merloni can play all four infield positions and will allow us to move Casey Blake to first base at times against left-handed pitching. We will also see where **RICKY GUTIERREZ** fits in upon his return from spinal surgery in 2002. **BRANDON PHILLIPS** and **JHONNY PERALTA** are two young, talented infielders who have exciting futures with the Indians who will most likely end up at AAA Buffalo to start the campaign as they continue their development.

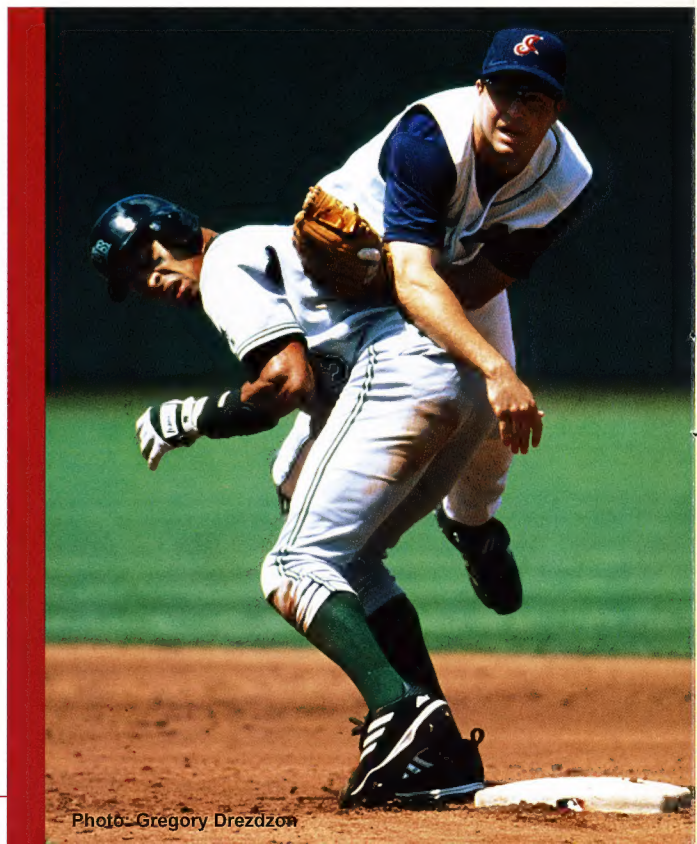
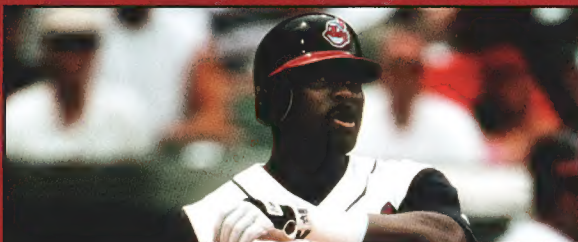


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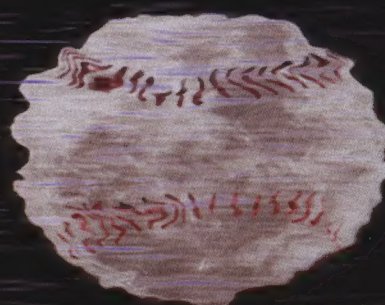
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JODY GERUT and **MILTON BRADLEY** represent our outfield core. Jody made the largest strides of anyone in our organization last year, leading the team in HR (22) & RBI (75) and earned *The Sporting News* American League Rookie of the Year honors for the effort. Milton put together a fine all-around season, leading the team in batting average (.321) and steals (17) despite missing the last six weeks of the season with a lower back bruise. Milton will join the American League's elite at the All-Star Game this summer if he can put together a full season. **MATT LAWTON** comes to camp as the leading candidate to open the season in left field. Matt has been bitten by the injury bug during his two seasons in Cleveland and will be competing with **RYAN LUDWICK**, **COCO CRISP**, and **ALEX ESCOBAR** for the everyday position in left field. **ADAM PIATT**, who spent all of 2003 in the big leagues with Oakland and Tampa Bay, will get a shot to make the club as an extra outfielder. He also provides a right-handed hitting option at first base.

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LHP BRIAN TALLET, **LHP BILLY TRABER**, and **RHP MARK WOHLERS** will all be rehabbing from "Tommy John" surgeries to their pitching elbows. All three will not see competitive action before the All-Star break, and look for Tallet and Traber to pitch in a relief role if at all. Former Chicago Cub and Florida Marlin **INF KEVIN ORIE** will also be in camp rehabbing a surgically-repaired right shoulder.

I look forward to seeing off-season forty-man additions **OF GRADY SIZEMORE**, **INF COREY SMITH**, **INF IVAN OCHOA**, and **LHP MARIANO GOMEZ** in their first Major League camps. Look for promising right-handed pitchers **JEREMY GUTHRIE**, **FRANCISCO CRUCETA**, and **FERNANDO CABRERA** to open the season in AAA Buffalo to continue their development. Last year's first round picks, **1B MICHAEL AUBREY** and **OF BRAD SNYDER** will also be in Major League camp as Minor League invitees.

As you can see, this is an exciting time for the Cleveland Indians organization with our blueprint right on track. We have a young, talented starting rotation with a deep and proven bullpen to go with a young group of position players looking to further establish themselves as big-league hitters. Couple this with the up and coming prospects within our organization and you can see why we look forward to 2004 and beyond with excitement and confidence.

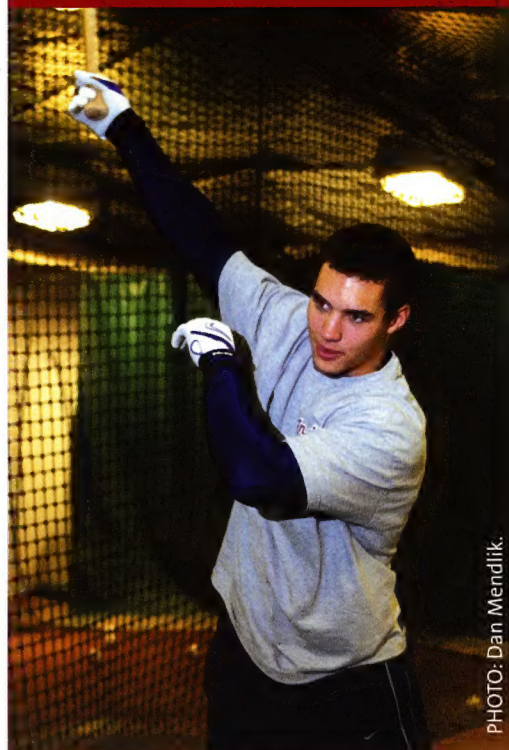


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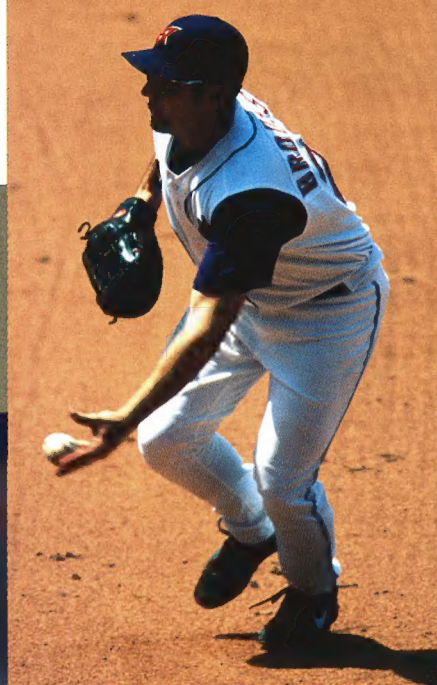


"It's pretty much 90 percent of the reason why I made the team last year," Davis said.

"I knew what I had to do, but being in Cleveland for January got me into shape, got my arm in shape. If I hadn't gone through the program, I would have been a month behind going into Spring Training. Instead of going to Spring Training to get in shape, I went there ready to make the team."



INDIANS INFIELDER/DH TRAVIS HAFNER



INDIANS FIRST BASEMAN BEN BROUSSARD

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What started as an orientation program for Minor-Leaguers now includes big-leaguers toning their muscles and honing their skills, too. The Major League program is voluntary, less structured, and each player receives a stipend of \$5,000 a month during his stay.

"I'd like to have every player participate, but I'm not upset at any single player who doesn't," Shapiro said. "There's no black mark to your name if you don't. There's no gold star if you do."

But more veterans decided to join the fun this winter.

Martinez, Milton Bradley, John McDonald, Ryan Ludwick, Brian Tallet, Billy Traber, and Rafael Betancourt worked out at the ballpark from November until February. Others, including Davis, Westbrook, C.C. Sabathia, Ben Broussard, Travis Hafner, and Josh Bard joined in January. Some were rehabilitating injuries, but all went through the physical conditioning programs. Catchers Martinez and Bard each lost between 15 and 20 pounds. McDonald, recovering from left knee surgery, lost about 20 pounds, and fellow infielder Jhonny Peralta dropped 15.

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"I worked out a lot this winter with (strength and conditioning coach) Tim Maxey and I feel a lot better," Martinez said. *"They changed what I eat and that has helped. I feel good, strong."*

I wanted to get stronger—it is part of being a better player. If I am weak, I won't stay too long in the big leagues. I want to play for Cleveland for a long time."

Martinez, 24, usually plays winter ball in his native Venezuela, but said he felt he needed extra conditioning to prepare his body for playing a demanding position over the 162-game big-league season.

Rick Manning did play a long time for the Indians and Milwaukee Brewers. He said such a program back in his day would have made it a lot easier to do so.

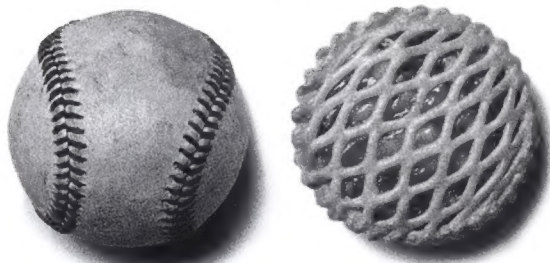
"What a difference from when we played," said Manning, now an Indians coach and broadcaster who played back in the "dark ages" of the sport a mere 20 years ago. ***"Our idea of a workout back then was picking up one of the three dumbbells over in the corner of the clubhouse."***

"We all had jobs outside of baseball in the winter. Now, the sport is a 12-month job and guys work at it all the time. Back when, we went to Spring Training to get into shape. Guys come into camp now and for the most part, are ready to go in a day or two."

"I wish we did have something like this back then. Not just for the physical aspects, but for everything involved."

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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS!

by Chuck Murr

One of the joys of Spring Training is getting a first-hand preview of players trying to make an impression on the big-league team.

Indians fans in Winter Haven got quite an eyeful in 2003.

Anybody who saw the Indians play last February and March at Chain of Lakes Park in Winter Haven, FL witnessed a Major-League career being born. Jody Gerut belted baseballs to all parts of the park the second he stepped into the batting cage. And while he didn't go to Cleveland with the Indians at the end of camp, he was the team's most dependable player by the end of the season.

Gerut went from being a Spring Training surprise to a serious candidate for American League Rookie of the Year honors—but those who watched him on a daily basis in Winter Haven were not startled in the least.

"I think I forced some people to reconsider," Gerut said of winning one rookie honor and finishing fourth in voting by the *Baseball Writers Association of America* for the official AL Rookie of the Year Award. Last October, he was named the top AL rookie by *The Sporting News*.

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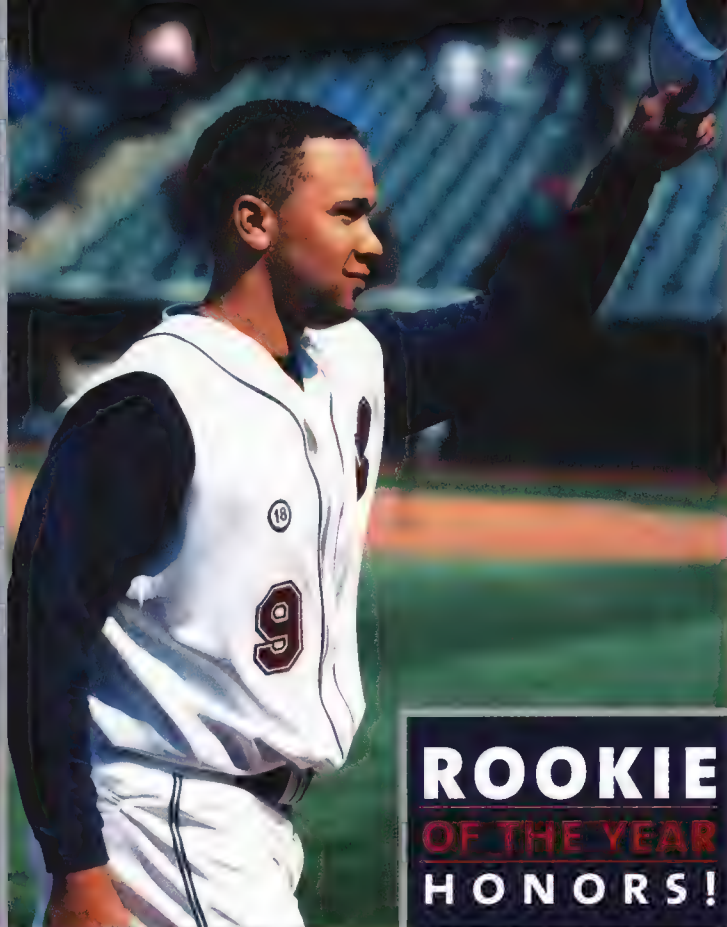


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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS!

Gerut said that if he had a vote, however, he would have given it to Matsui.

Gerut admitted he never really gave the award a thought until reporters started asking him about it in late August. Now, his mind is on improving again.

This winter, Gerut followed the same vigorous training regimen. He also spoke with his neighbor in Tempe, AZ, 2002 AL rookie winner Eric Hinske of the Toronto Blue Jays, to discuss what it's like to come off a good first season and prepare for another.

"I do know that there will be adjustments to be made, especially against teams in our division who saw me the most," Gerut said.

*"I'd say the reason Matsui deserves the award is because he drove in **over 100 runs in his first season**. That's probably the toughest skill to acquire. It is amazing to do it at this level, your skills have to be **out of this world**."*
—Jody Gerut.

"It was amazing how teams changed the way they worked me the second or third time around—especially a couple managers in our division. They change things around on you and you stand there and take a pitch for strike three and the fans get upset because you look foolish—but it isn't easy. You look for one thing and they give you something you've never seen before."

Gerut said that if his numbers in 2004 don't match what he accomplished last year, it will not be for lack of trying.

"There are a few things I can improve upon," he said. "Personally, I did as much as I could, but the minute you think you've got the game licked, it's going to come back and bite you, so I'm coming back with a humble heart and will just keep on trying."

"There are a lot of things I want to work on. I want to continue to play defense well. There are some things like stealing bases where I can do more just from what I learned last year. And driving in more runs is important. I want to be a 100-RBI-a-year guy."

"The goal will be to compete in the division. With what our effort is and as long as everybody continues to build upon and improve on what we did last year, we should compete in the division."

The groundwork for achieving those goals comes right here in Spring Training—on the very same fields where Jody Gerut grasped the opportunity of a lifetime a year ago.

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Our catching combination is as deep as any team in the league with **VICTOR MARTINEZ** coming into camp with the upper hand on **JOSH BARD**. Victor has really improved his catching skills over the last season and a half and spent the entire off-season working out in Cleveland. I am really looking forward to watching Victor further mature this season. Josh responded well after being brought back from AAA Buffalo last August, hitting .278 during the 2nd half of the season. **TIM LAKER** will also come to camp with a chance to make the club. He is an invaluable leader with a good feel for the catching position.

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JODY GERUT

★ BORN SEPTEMBER 18, 1977 IN ELMHURST, IL

Virgos are humble, with sharp analytical minds and a meticulous eye for detail. They tend to focus on flaws, and can be mercilessly self-critical. Particular about diet and health habits, Jody participated in a unique conditioning program prior to last season's Spring Training. An exacting perfectionist, this technical master always sets high standards. He's got the knack—playing Gold Glove-quality defense, possessing an imposing fielding percentage of .984—and is so versatile he bats anywhere in the lineup.

With Mars (planet of energy) next to Jupiter (planet of expansion) Jody has a positive, can-do attitude. Never one to rest on his laurels, Jody enjoys competition that gauges his potential. Strong Mars aspects bless Jody with fast reflexes and a keen sense of timing. This multifaceted outfielder was named *The Sporting News* American League Rookie of the Year, and led the Tribe in HRs and RBIs last season.

Spring Training finds Jody confidently working toward goals. Exceptional physical health creates an auspicious time to begin new projects. In May, energies are curbed a bit, as Saturn (limitation) emerges, signifying inhibited or disciplined energy. Extra care concerning bones is prudent. With wise action, he overcomes obstacles. The end of August through September ushers in a whole new cycle of growth. Recovering swiftly from adversity, recognition is forthcoming.

WHAT ★ SAY THE STARS FOR TRIBE STARS?

by Andrea Mallis

Spring Training heralds new beginnings, a time of rebirth and renewal. In keeping with that spirit, the 2004 Cleveland Indians eagerly face rejuvenation. Just for fun, let's see what the stars hold for these *unique celestial personalities* through the ancient art of astrology. Led by dynamic Aquarius manager Eric Wedge—the youngest manager in the Major Leagues—there's an exciting youthful movement stirring, facilitated by ardent, seasoned veterans.

★ BORN MAY 8, 1980 IN CHATTANOOGA, TN



Photo: Gregory Drezdron

JASON DAVIS

Born one week after Marlins World Series ace Josh Beckett, Jason is a determined Taurus on a dramatic career ascent. A steadfast soul, known for endurance, Jason was one of the Tribe's most consistent starting pitchers. In his first full season in the Majors, he led all American League Rookie Pitchers with 165 innings pitched. Not bad for a former basketball player! Davis possesses self-discipline, concentration, and perseverance. A strong sense of responsibility rounds out a prudent personality. With Mars (planet of energy) in Virgo, he strives for accuracy.

Happiest when productive, Jason begins Spring Training with a splash. Mars (planet of energy) will be in Taurus, unleashing his powerful reserves. Confident of achievement, he'll impress with enthusiastic starts. Jason has the chance to shine this season, with good health and well-being radiating. An industrious attitude pervades, as past action bears fruit. A one-two pitching punch with C.C. is likely. Exhibiting wisdom borne of experience, he approaches goals methodically, laying a foundation that serves him well.

C.C. SABATHIA

Carsten Charles is one intense, emotional Cancer. Food, family, and feelings reign supreme. Powerful attachment to the past makes domestic security vital. C.C. is known to talk on the phone with his Mom before and after every game he starts. He proudly lists her as the person who most influenced him. Loyal, devoted, and sentimental, Cancers need to be needed, and may be vulnerable at heart. Always probing for hidden motives, he rarely reveals his own.


Jupiter (planet of expansion) in Virgo imparts a penchant for precision. Ambition is an overwhelming motivator for C.C. He was *Baseball America's* top high school prospect, and at age 23 was one of the youngest All-Stars ever named. Intensely purposeful, this workhorse led the team in wins, innings pitched, strikeouts, and ERA.

Powerhouse southpaw C.C. can throw in the high 90s and has a first-rate curveball. Going at least five innings in 30 starts, 2004 is C.C.'s 4th big-league season. This ace is aiming high.

Cautionary vibes are in the air when Spring Training unfolds, as Saturn (planet of limitation) makes a challenging aspect to Mars (planet of energy). Saturn rules the skeletal structure, so taking it slow is the way to go during this low energy cycle. Opening Day starts a positive cycle. Now in a Jupiter (good fortune) phase, C.C. experiences prosperity, opportunity, and abundance. August and September look especially fortuitous. Ever resourceful, this cornerstone of the Indians pitching has a pool of enormous power present. With a high degree of nervous tension in the mix, conditioning is key.



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OMAR VIZQUEL

Enduring Taurus Omar Vizquel is the last tie to the Indians World Series teams of '95 and '97. He's the first Indians shortstop since Lou Boudreau to start 10 straight Opening Days, and has played in at least 136 games per season. Starting the 2004 season, Omar's just 22 games shy of being the 15th shortstop in MLB history to appear in 2000 games! The ability to stick with things is one of Taurus' greatest assets. No matter how much this 9-time Gold Glover and 3-time All-Star accomplishes, he never seems completely satisfied. Productive from both sides of the plate, he contributes consistently in three categories, and is an acrobatic defensive marvel.

Taurus is artistic and appreciates the beauty of the natural world. Omar is a painter who takes pleasure in art and music. With Jupiter (planet of good fortune) in Cancer, heritage is focal. Omar maintains close ties to his Venezuelan roots, assisting in several homeland programs.

Stability rules Taurus' world. Embarking on the 16th year of his career, Omar continually sustains his efforts over the seasons. He's even more determined and persistent, eager to make up for lost time. Leadership qualities increase, he's courageous, and he does not back down from challenge. He's also more flexible. Coming off two knee surgeries last season, Omar is as scrappy as ever. He has tremendous vigor and zest. He trusts in experience and remains victorious.

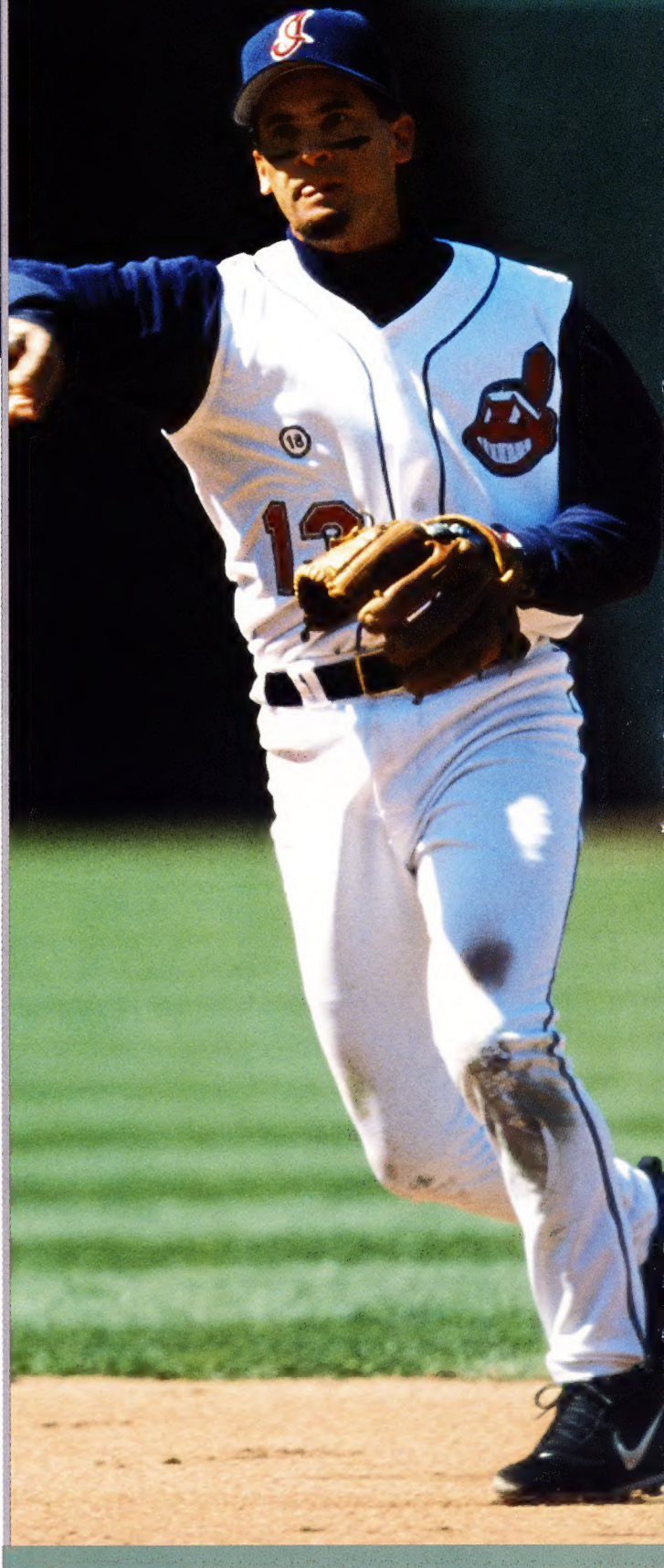


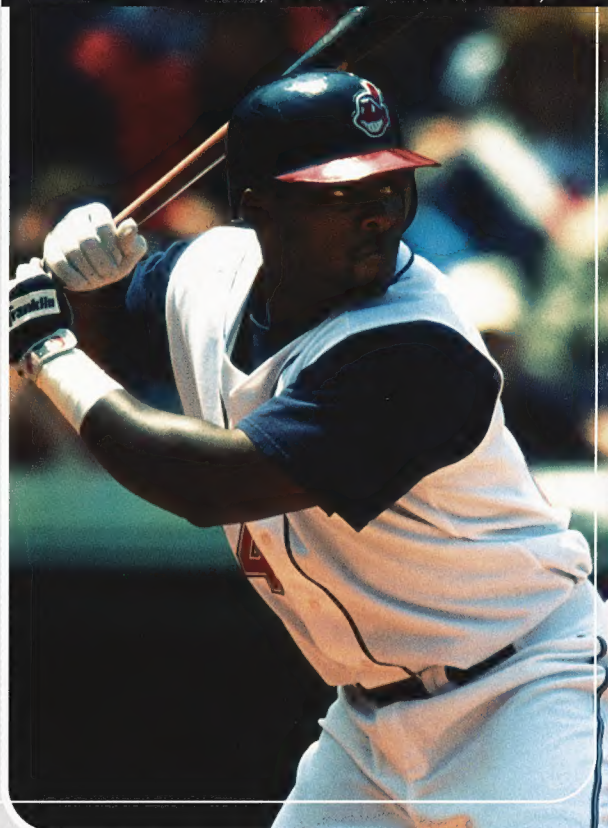
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MILTON BRADLEY

A fiery Aries who thrives on challenge, Milton battles his way through life. Aries love action—they're spontaneous, direct, impulsive, enthusiastic, and assertive. With a pioneering nature, they're usually first in line. That makes Milton an ideal leadoff hitter, batting an impressive .375.

With Mars (planet of energy) in commanding Leo, Milton's proud and ambitious. A strong right arm in the outfield, he also led the team in steals with 17. Viewing life as competitive sport, his ego strives to be Number One. Bradley is self-confident yet has a fanciful side that appreciates poetry. He also enjoys other sports, and likes playing his hand at cards.

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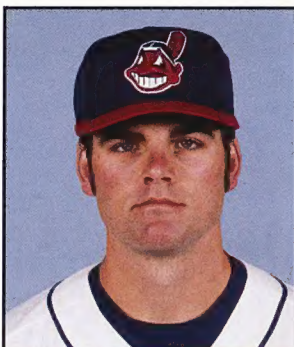


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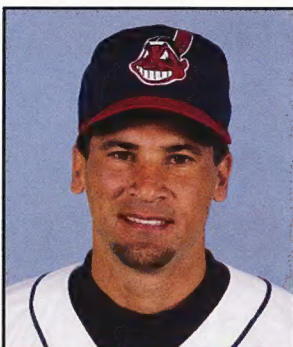


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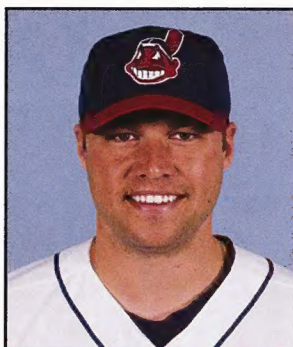
40 BILLY TRABER

Age: 24, born October 18, 1979 in Torrance, CA
Position: Pitcher
B-T: L-L Ht: 6'5" Wt: 205



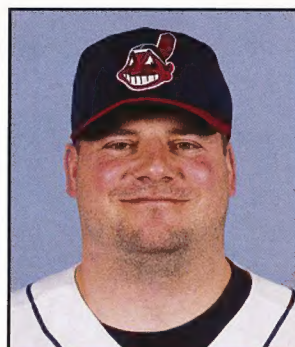
13 OMAR VIZQUEL

Age: 36, born April 24, 1967 in Caracas, Ven.
Position: Infielder
B-T: S-R Ht: 5'9" Wt: 175



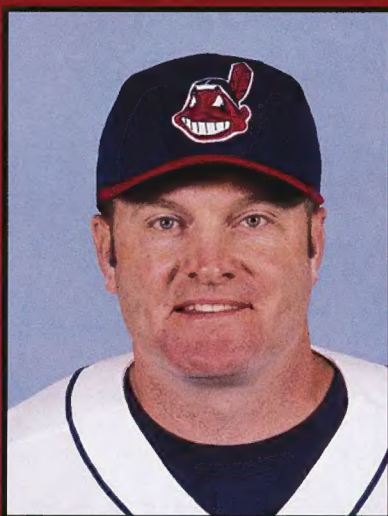
37 JAKE WESTBROOK

Age: 26, born Sept. 29, 1977 in Athens, GA
Position: Pitcher
B-T: R-R Ht: 6'3" Wt: 185



26 BOB WICKMAN

Age: 35, born February 6, 1969 in Green Bay, WI
Position: Pitcher
B-T: R-R Ht: 6'1" Wt: 240



22 ERIC WEDGE

Compiled a record 68-94 (.420) in his first season managing in the big leagues. Was named manager of the Cleveland Indians on October 29, 2002. Guided the Indians to a record of 55-56 (.495) from May 1 to September 1 (3rd best record in division over the span.) Wedge received two third place votes in the 2003 BBWAA AL Manager of the Year voting (8th place.)

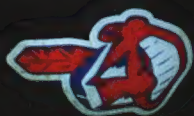


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ERIC WEDGE

★ BORN JANUARY 27, 1968 IN FORT WAYNE, IN

As the youngest manager in MLB today, Eric synchronizes with the Tribe's youthful make-up. The Indians certainly required a skipper with boundless energy! Aquarians are freedom loving, strong-willed, and independent. They hear a different drummer, but often let their head rule rather than their heart.

Viewing things objectively is a constructive managerial quality, and Eric does excel at supervision. Non-conformist, with an experimental mind and democratic spirit, forward-thinking Aquarians live with one foot in the future, expecting great things from others.

With several planets in pragmatic Capricorn, Eric's a realist in idealist's skin. He may appear hard-nosed as his assertive nature confronts difficulty in a direct, no-nonsense way. He has an uncanny ability to "read" people and situations. His unconventional imagination fosters outside-the-box thinking.

Spring Training blooms with several powerful Mars aspects. Temperance in all matters is key. Eric may seem abrupt in manner and

decisiveness. Karmic situations arise regarding past performance. During this test period, greater wisdom is gained regarding his calling, improving efficiency, and honing administrative skills.

June heralds a benefic month when energies are expressed in a more controlled manner. Eric will be more resilient to pressure. Reevaluating his deepest motivation, willpower serves him well. Along with the generational Pluto (power) square that happens in the late 30s, Eric will be actively discarding outmoded patterns—making life conform to innermost desires.

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